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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU'S ASIAN-MIDDLE EAST-AFRICAN TRIP

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1. SUMMARY. AS SEEN FROM BUCHAREST, CEAUSESCU'S APRIL 3-19 TRIP TO JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, PAKISTAN, JORDAN AND TUNISIA, WHILE NOT THE GRAND ASIAN TOUR APPARENTLY ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED, CAN BE LABELED A QUALIFIED SUCCESS. POLITICALLY, IT HAS FURTHERED THE SOMEWHAT INTANGIBLE, BUT NEVERTHELESS SIGNIFICANT NETWORK OF RELATIONSHIPS THE ROMANIANS HAVE WOVEN UNDER CEAUSESCU'S LEADERSHIP, WHILE IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD IT HAS OPENED SOME NEW  
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MARKETS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES VISITED AND NEW SOURCES OF

CREDIT AND TECHNOLOGY FROM JAPAN, EVEN THOUGH GOR GOT FAR LESS FROM LATTER THAN THEY WOULD HAVE LIKED, AS WELL AS A REBUFF TO ITS STATUS AS A "DEVELOPING COUNTRY". VISIT ALSO PROVIDED PLATFORM FOR LATEST POLICY THEMES EMPHASIZING GOR'S HOPED-FOR ROLE AS LDC SPOKESMAN. NEVERTHELESS, CANCELLATION OF KUWAIT SEGMENT MUST HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. CEAUSESCU HAS NOW ADDED FOUR NEW COUNTRIES (ONLY PAKISTAN WAS A REPEAT) TO HIS EVER-GROWING LIST OF STATE VISITS (WITH MEXICO AND BRAZIL ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE), WHILE THREE NEW SOLEMN DECLARATIONS WERE SIGNED WITH THE PHILIPPINES, JORDAN AND TUNISIA, THUS CONTINUING THE CODIFICATION OF THE WELL-KNOWN PRINCIPLES SO TIRELESSLY PROMOTED ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE BY THE GOR. JAPAN SUCCESSFULLY RESISTED THE MUCH SOUGHT-AFTER DOCUMENT, WHILE PAKISTAN HAD SUCCUMBED DURING THE 1973 VISIT. DOMESTICALLY CEAUSESCU IS ONCE AGAIN SEEN AS PROMOTING ROMANIAN PRESTIGE ABROAD, AS WELL AS HAVING HAD HONOR OF BEING FIRST SOCIALIST LEADER TO VISIT JORDAN AND PHILIPPINES.

3. CEAUSESCU'S THEMES, AS STRESSED IN SPEECHES AND TOASTS DURING TRIP, ARE INDICATIVE OF HIS GROWING EMPHASIS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND PROMOTION OF GOR'S "NEW ECONOMIC POLICY", IN LINE WITH RENEWED ATTEMPT TO MOBILIZE LDC SUPPORT AND ENHANCE GOR STATUS AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE UNDER-DEVELOPED. HIS GROUPING OF THE THIRD WORLD AS "THE SMALL, MEDIUM AND NON-ALIGNED", WHICH PERMITS ROMANIAN INCLUSION, WAS MUCH USED AND NZD TU WISIA#HE SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR MORE

SOLIDARITY AND ACTION BY THE GROUP. IN PHILIPPINES AND TUNISIA HE SINGLED OUT RICH-POOR DIVISION IN WORLD AS PRINCIPLE PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE, WHILE IN JAPAN THIS WAS CITED AS BASIC REASON FOR CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THROUGHOUT TRIP CEAUSESCU EMPHASIZED NEED FOR MORE EQUITABLE PRICE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RAW MATERIALS AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, ADDING IN PHILIPPINES THAT NEW SYSTEM SHOULD FAVOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO AS TO LIQUIDATE EXISTING INEQUITIES MORE QUICKLY. DIS-ARMAMENT AND ITS CONSEQUENT RELEASE OF VALUABLE REYARNUS AMF TALENLD WAS ALSMN STRESSED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOLITION OF THE DEVELOPED-DEVELOPING GAP.

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4. OTHER THEMES INCLUDED THE COMPATIBILITY OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS (STRESSED IN THE PHILIPPINES) NSND THE INEVITABLE TRIVPH OF A DETERMINED PEOPLE'S WILLINGNESS TO DEFEND THEIR LIBERTY, AGAINST ALL ODDS, CITED IN CONNECTION WITH LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT EQUALLY USEFUL IN THE ROMANIAN CONTEXT. FINALLY THE FAMILIARISARNINGS OF A STILL FRAGILE DETENTE AND OF MIDDLE EAST CONFRONTATION WERE REPEATED;

THE CYPRUS SITUATION, OVER WHICH THE ROMANIANS HAVE ALWAYS EXPRESSED EXTREME CONCERN, DID NOT RECEIVE MUCH ATTENTION ON THIS TRIP.

5. INTERESTING SIDELIGHT TO TRIP IS UNUSUAL INCLUSION IN RCP POLEXCO COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED APRIL 24, OF CEAUSESCU'S WARM THWOKS TO THE HABAROVSK PARTY ORGANIZATION OF THEIE "COMRADELY HOSPITALITY" SHOWN DURING TOUCH-DOWN ON USSR SOIL ENROUTE TO JAPAN (NO SUCH SLP WAS MADE IN CHINA). COMMUNIQUE CITES SOVIET HOSPITALITY AS EXPRESSION OF GOOD RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

6. FROM ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE, TRIP GENERATED LARGE NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA, NLND UNDERSTANDINGS IN USUAL ROMANIAN FASHION, BUT IN MANY CASES THESE REPRESENT INDICATIONS OF INTENT RATHER THAN SOLID COMMERCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AS EXPECTED, JAPAN STOP PRODUCED GREATEST FLURRY OF ACTIVITY BUT EVEN THERE, JUDGING FROM OUR SOUNDINGS IN BUCHAREST, RESULTS FELL SHORT OF ROMANIAN EXPECTATIONS. ROMANIA DID OBTAIN BUYER'S CREDIT OF ABOUT \$80 MILLION AT 7.5 PERCENT FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN CONSTANTA PORT EXPANSION, BUT NEITHER AMOUNT NOR INTEREST RATE ARE AUTFAVORABLE AS ROMANIANS HAD HOPED, AND CREDIT IS DENOMINATED IN YEN. FURTHER, ROMANIANS WERE TOLD THAT SOFT-LOAN TERMS NOT APPROVFIATE BECAUSE JAPAN CONSIDERS ROMANIA A DEVELOPED COUNTRY. IF LATTER DETERMINATION (WHICH INCIDENTALLY GOES AGAINST RECOMMENDATION OF JAPANESE EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST) WERE TO REPRESENT NEW JAPANESE POSITION ON WORLD BANK AND MULTINATIONAL NERMTIATIONS WHERE ROMANIA WILL BE SEEKING DEVELOPING-COUNTRY BENEFITS, IT COULD CREATE SOME STRAINS IN ROMANIAN-JAPANESE RELATIONS. WE NOTE ALSO THAT IN HIS TOAST AT DINNER FOR CEAUSESCKZN PRIME MINISTER MIKI DREW ATTENTION TTBCURRENT JAPANESE RECESSION AND LOOKED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPANSION OF JAPANESE-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS ONLY AFTER ECONOMIC SITUATION RETURNS TO NORMAL. THIS DOES NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY FOR CONTINUED HEALTHY GROWTH OF ROMANIAN-JAPANESEKRADE, WHICH REACHED \$240 MILLION IN 1974, BUT OUR IMPRESSION IS JAPANESE HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT PUT OFF BY EXCESSIVE ROMANIAN DEMANDS AND MAY HAVE DECIDED TO PUT ON SHOW OF APPLYING BRAKES AT GOVERNMENT LEVEL WHILE CONTINUING TO EXPAND INDUSTRY CONTACTS.

7. PAKISTAN STOP EVIDENTLY YIELDED MOST MEAGER HAGCEST, BUT IT DID FINALLY TRIGGER EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION IN BUCHREST APRIL 19 OF AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, WHICH HAS BEEN IN LIMBO SINCE ITS SIGFNNG ON JULY 3, 1973. AMONG MORE POSITIVE RESULTS WERE AGREEMENTS FOR PURCHASE BY

PHILIPPINES OF ROMANIAN TRACTORS, OIL DRILLING EQUIPMENT  
AND THERMAL (SOLID OR LIQUID FUEL) POWER PLANT AND AGREEMENTS  
WITH JORDAN FOR ROMANIAN SEISMIC ASSISTANCE IN OIL EXPLORATION  
AND POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN REFINERY CONSTRUCTION. JORDAN  
AGREEMENTS PARTICULARLY WELCOME SINCE THEY ARE LIKELY TO LEAD  
TO ROMANIAN PURCHASE OF U.S. EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY AS HAS,  
FOR EXAMPLE, ROMANIAN SEISMIC ASSISTANCE TO SYRIA.  
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